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May 24, 2013

Dear Colleague:

The Rehabilitation Act, as amended, requires public hearings to be conducted on the proposed Title VII State Plan for Independent Living Amendment (SPIL). The 2013 public hearings by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) will be held as follows:

DATE	CITY	ADDRESS	TIME	EDT/CDT
Wednesday, May 22	Memphis	Memphis Center for Independent Living, 1633 Madison Avenue	3:00 p.m.	CDT
Thursday, May 23	Jackson	Jackson Center for Independent Living, 1981 Hollywood Drive	3:00 p.m.	CDT
Friday, May 24	Paris	Hampton Inn Paris Convention Center 1510 Eastwood Street	3:00 p.m.	CDT
Tuesday, May 28	Columbia	Tennessee Career Center 119 Nashville Hwy, Suite 113	3:00 p.m.	CDT
Wednesday, May 29	Chattanooga	Tennessee Career Center 5600 Brainerd Road	3:00 p.m.	EDT
Thursday, May 30	Nashville	Marriott Hotel 600 Marriott Drive	4:00 p.m.	CDT
Monday, June 3	Knoxville	L.T. Ross Building (Old CAC Building) 2247 Western Avenue, Meeting Rm. B	2:30 p.m.	EDT
Wednesday, June 5	Johnson City	Johnson City Medical Center 400 N. State of Franklin Rd. TN Room	3:00 p.m.	EDT

"Your attendance would be greatly appreciated at this public hearing. Here, you will have an opportunity to provide valuable feedback and suggestions on the Independent Living Program." The draft SPIL will also be available on the following websites: www.tennsilc.org and <http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/cc3.html> May 7, 2013.

Written comments can be submitted to Mark Montgomery, Statewide Independent Living Council at mark_m@tnsilc.org, www.tennsilc.org or the following address: 2601 Elm Hill Pike, Suite O, Nashville, TN 37214. The deadline for receiving comments on the SPIL is Friday, June 7, 2013.

Your input to the SPIL is very important to us. A draft copy of the SPIL will be available by May 7, in all SILC, DRS and Center for Independent Living (CIL) offices across the State. Alternative formats are available upon request from any DRS, SILC or CIL offices.

Thank you for your contributions to our planning efforts, and I hope you will attend the public hearing.

Sincerely,

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Robert (Bob) Leonard
Chairman
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